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November 27th, 1916

R. B. Bennett, Esq., M.P.,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I am sure that with your energy you will be able to do a good work for the Dominion and the Empire in connection with national registration provided the Government is willing to give you sufficient power. A number of us in Toronto who are interested in enlistments and the development of public service are of opinion, however, that unless the Act makes it compulsory for all to register the result may be that we will be probably much where we are. Simply as a matter of information such an act of compulsory registration would probably be of great service, but if it is not compulsory I am afraid that we shall be back where we were and that the willing horses will have been flogged once more.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



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President University of Toronto  
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Would be glad to see you if possible at King  
Edward tomorrow Friday morning at eleven to discuss  
questions raised in your letter

E B Bennett

*[Handwritten signature and scribbles]*



December 22nd, 1916

R. E. Bennett, Esq., M.P.,  
Director, National Service,  
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

I have this morning received your letter with the enclosed card, but regret that to-day at noon the term closes and the students will not be back until the 9th of January, after the National Service week, consequently I am not in a position to do anything to bring the matter before them. I wish that I had had your letter a week ago, because I have just finished a series of visits to every department of the University laying before them just the kind of thing you ask me to do now, and my remarks might have been pointed by referring to the card more definitely. However, I think that I prepared the ground and that when the cards are presented to them in their homes there should be a ready response from those whom I addressed. I must have spoken to fully 1000 students.

Wishing you the season's compliments, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.



February 15th, 1917

R. B. Bennett, Esq., M.P.,

Director of National Service, Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Bennett:

A committee representing the members of the staff of the University has been appointed to consider the offering of their services during the summer months for work in connection with the national service. There are possibly a hundred men who would be available for perhaps four months' work. Of these a number of scientifically trained men can be made use of as Chemists, and doubtless by private arrangement with munition factories they will do the work for which they are best fitted. A few others may go on farms, but the great majority have not the physique nor the training that would make them of much value in this branch of work. I am therefore corresponding with you to ask whether there is any branch of national service in which these men might be employed. I may say that I have the names of two professors in the United States who also would be glad to do work during the summer.

It occurred to me that many of these men might be used in connection with your thrift campaign. In England, where, as you know so much better than I do, the Government has a much wider sphere of operations under their control such men as are on our staff would be employed in various offices where accuracy would be necessary in preparation of reports, statistical returns and various departments of economics. Whether you have any openings of this kind for which



you would need men such as would offer from our staff I do not know, but I should be glad to have any suggestions from you that I may lay before the committee.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.